

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item for next TFAC meeting

Hey Audrey!

This is something I've been wanting to discuss for a while now and I'd like to see if TFAC can get involved in making a recommendation to support this idea.

About three years ago, a new Filipino law was created to promote tree planting. If a student wants to graduate, they must plant a certain amount of trees!

Here's a link to a news story about it

- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/trevornace/2019/05/29/new-filipino-law-requires-every-student-to-plant-10-trees-if-they-want-to-graduate/?sh=67644a1a5aeb>

I think that this is a great idea!

I'm not sure if this is something that would have to be handled by the Federal or Provincial gov'ts or if this is something that can be done municipally! I know the TVDSB already has mandates stating that high school students must volunteer for a set number of hours in order to graduate... so I'm thinking that maybe this idea could be molded into this other existing program.

The City of London declared a state of emergency in response to climate change and on the first page of the document it says that in order to have success, that the City of London will have to work with both Federal and Provincial gov'ts to achieve its goals.... so no passing the buck and finding excuses should exempt London from not moving this idea forward!

I think that this matter would be a good thing for TFAC to get involved in!

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